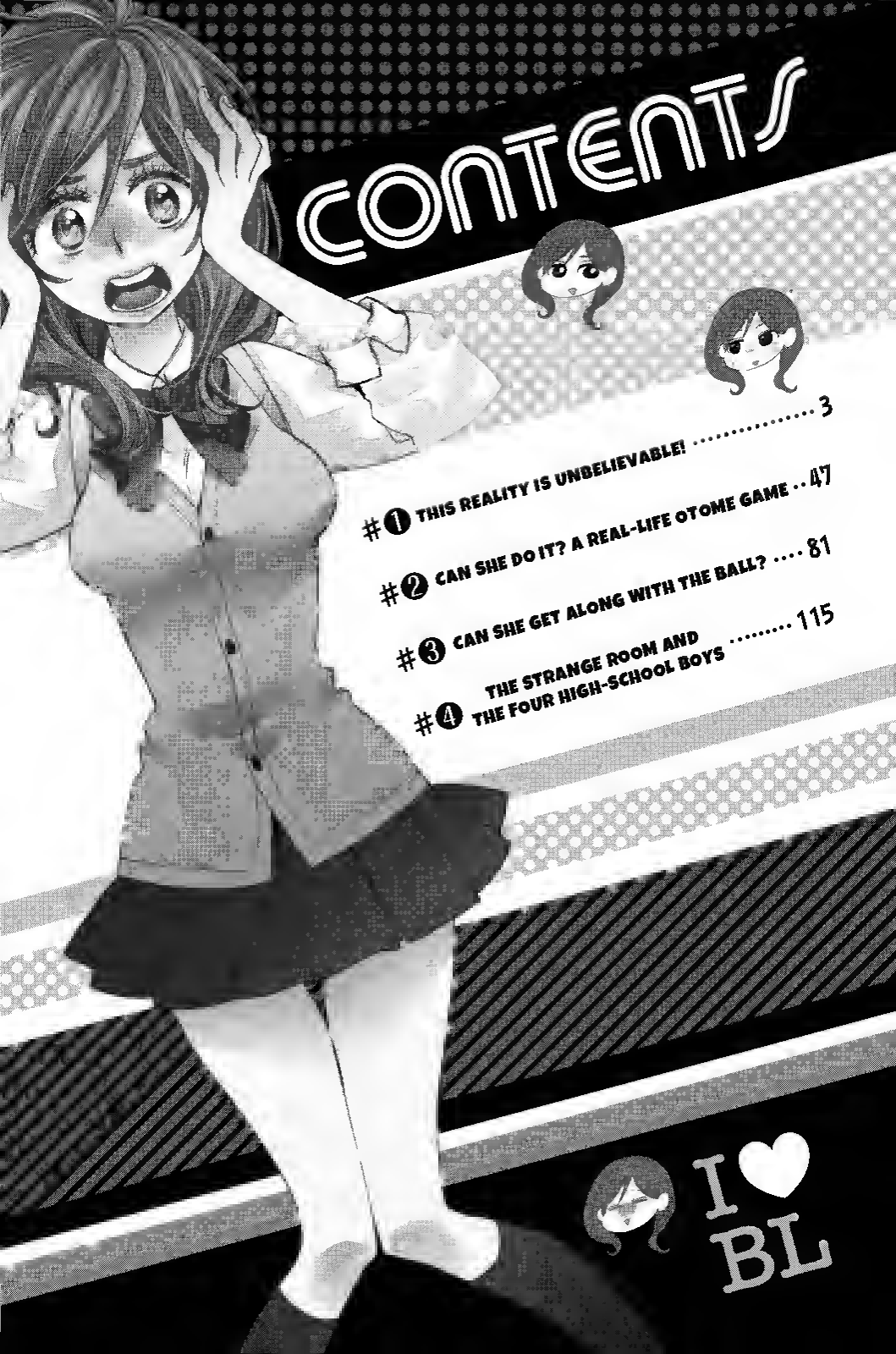

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I ♥ BL

WHO DECIDED
THE PRINCE
SHOULD BE WITH
THE PRINCESS?

#1
THIS REALITY IS UNBELIEVABLE!

•THIS STORY IS FICTIONAL AND COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO REAL PEOPLE, GROUPS AND EVENTS

OH MY GOD, HE'S SOOO COOOOL! ♡
SQUEAL きゃあ
SQUEAL きゃあ
IGARASHI-KUUUN!
THA-THUMP
HEY, IGARASHI! NICE JOB!
OH, THANKS!
HEY, NANA!
THA-THUMP
THA-THUMP
NICE PASS!
high-five はいっ
WELL, OF COURSE IT WAS!
HAHA! I GUESS NO ONE HAS TO TELL YOU!

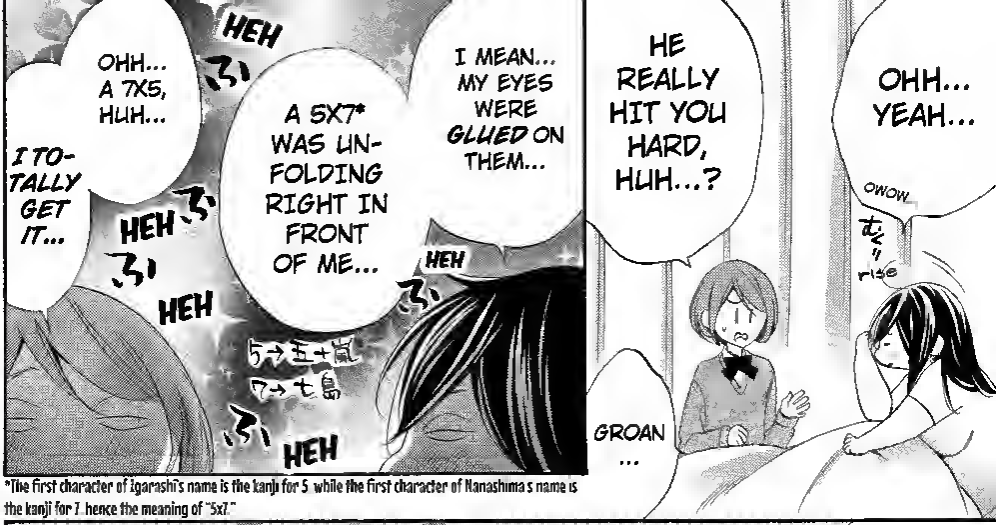
THERE IT IS...
RIGHT THERE...
SQUEEEEEEEAL!

SO CUUUTE!
pant
pant
pant
CAN'T IT BE LIKE THAT?
THE PRINCE WITH ANOTHER PRINCE!
IT SHOULD BE LIKE THAT!!

LORD, THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THIS DAILY BREAD!
quiver
quiver
WHA?!
Uhyooo!
Maeeee!
ACK!
AAAHH!
HUH ?!
WHOOSH
あっ
BAM!
URGH!
BANG

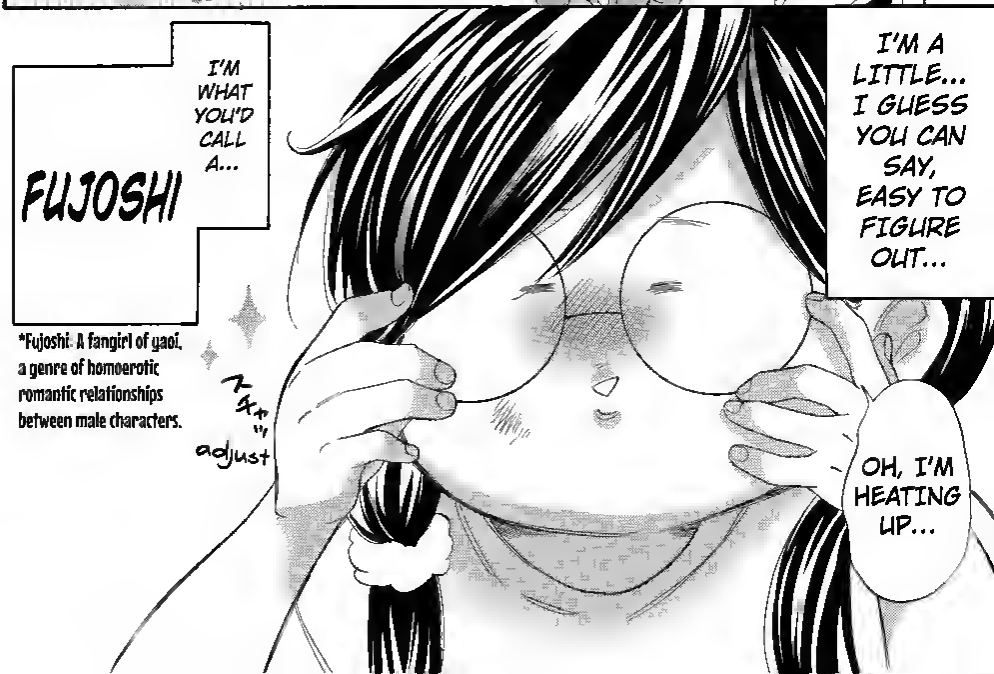
SHOOT! SHE REALLY GOT PUM-MELLED!
SERI-NUMA-SAN!
AAAHH!
THUD
CRASH
ARE YOU OKAY?!
WHOA!
HEY!!
SE... SERI-NUMA!!
YEAH...
IT'S ALL GOOD...
G-GET HER TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE!
WE CAN'T CARRY HER...
IT'S ALL GOOD, NANA-SHIMA-KUN...
AHHHH... BRING THE STRETCHER HERE! THE STRETCHER!!

THANK YOU... FOR SHOWING ME SOMETHING NICE...!!
COLLAPSE
ガッ
DON'T DIE, SERINUMA!!
保健室
*Infirmary
blink
ぱち
NRGH...
OH! YOU'RE AWAKE!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? CAN YOU SEE, KAE-CHAN?
A-CHAN... WHERE AM I...?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER? NANASHIMA FELL ON TOP OF YOU DURING P.E. CLASS...



*The first character of Igarashi's name is the kanji for 5 while the first character of Nanashima's name is the kanji for 7, hence the meaning of "5x7."

MY NAME IS KAE SERINUMA.
I'M A SECOND YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.
A-CHAN! YOU JUST DON'T GET IT!
chatter
YOU MEAN A 7 X 5! END OF DISCUSSION!
chatter
NOOOO... I SAID IT WAS A 5 X 7...
RIGHT BACK AT'CHA, KAE-CHAN!
chatter



*Fujoshi: A fangirl of yaoi, a genre of homoerotic romantic relationships between male characters.

I LOVE SEEING HOT GUYS GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER.
*Pairing means setting up A and B as a couple, mainly represented as A x B or B x A.
AS MY CHEST HEATS UP FROM WATCHING THE PASSIONATE BONDS BETWEEN TWO GUYS, I PAIR THEM TOGETHER!
EVEN IF TWO GUYS AREN'T INVOLVED, MY FEVERED IMAGINATION IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO PAIR THEM TOGETHER!
ANY CHANCE I GET, I PAIR THEM!
THAT IS MY WAY OF LIFE!!
BOOM
AND SO...
MY CLASS-MATES ARE ALSO NO EXCEP-TION.
NANASHIMA REALLY LOOKS LIKE SHION FROM THAT ANIME "MIRAGE SAGA," DOESN'T HE?
OHH, IN THAT "BAD BOY" SORTA WAY, RIGHT?
YEAH, YEAH!
step
SQUEAL
SQUEAL

THAT'S WHY--
FWOOSH
EXCUSE ME...
SERI-NUMA-SENPAI.
IF YOU'RE FEELING BETTER, WOULD YOU KINDLY LET SOMEONE ELSE USE THE BED?
THERE'S A STUDENT HERE WHO ISN'T FEELING WELL...
OH... SORRY, SHINO-MIYA-KUN. I'LL HEAD OUT NOW.
LET'S GO, A-CHAN.
HONESTLY... YOU SEEM TOTALLY FINE...
Groan
sigh はぁ
ANNOYED むっ
HUH?! LOOK HERE, YOU LITTLE...
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY, A-CHAN!

WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?
THAT'S SHINOMIYA-KUN FROM FIRST YEAR... WE'RE BOTH ON THE HEALTH COMMITTEE...
Barely know him though
HMPH! HE'S SO HARSH FOR SUCH A BISHONEN*.
WELL, YEAH... BUT HEY, I THINK THAT'S A GOOD THING.

*Bishonen. A very pretty boy

THE SNOOTIER A BISHONEN IS, THE YUMMIER HE IS, DON'TCHA THINK?
ウフフ...
HEHEHE
OOOH! YOU'RE RIGHT!!
THE COLDER HE ACTS, THE HOTTER HE GETS!!
OH YEAHHH!

GLAD TO HEAR IT.
WELL, SEE YOU AT CLUB TIME.
smile
YUP!
COW
YOU KNOW, KAE-CHAN... YOU SEEM TO HAVE SOME STRANGE CONNECTION WITH HOT GUYS.
HUHHH? YOU THINK SO?
GIRL, YOU'RE SO LUCKY!
MUTSUMI-SENPAI IS SUCH A NICE GUY! MAYBE I SHOULD JOIN THE HISTORY CLUB TOO!
BUT I DUNNO... TO SAY I HAVE A "CONNECTION" WITH THEM...
SLIDE
OH!
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!

HUH? WHAT?
NANA!
YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE, MAN. IT'S YOUR FAULT, YOU KNOW?

ARE YOU OKAY?!
OH, MM-HM.
THAT'S GOOD.
YOU REALLY WENT FLYING BACK THERE. I WAS WORRIED.
OH, THANKS.

Oh!
I CAME OUT UNSCATHED, THANKS TO THE HUMAN CUSHION THAT YOU ARE!
NOT AT ALL.
YOU WEREN'T HURT, NANASHIMA-KUN?
TOO

AHH...
SORRY.

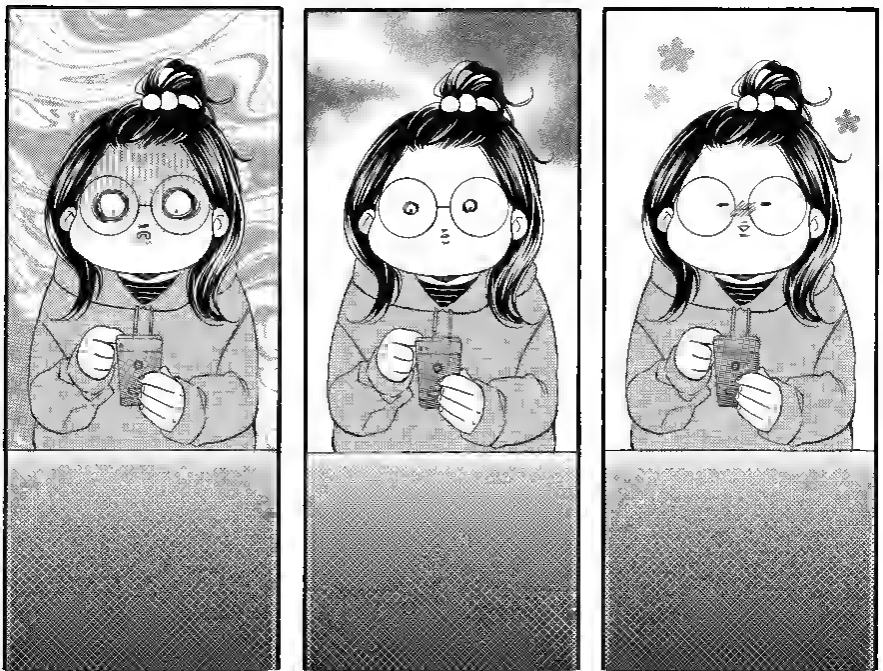
GYA-HAHA!!
HOHOHO...
I'M GLAD I WAS USE-FUL!
AHAHAHA!!
N... NANA!
LAUGH
IN ANY CASE, WE'RE SORRY!
YANK
NANA!
C'MON, MAN...
OW!
WHAT WAS THAT? WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE AN APOLOGY?
HONESTLY, THE ONLY GOOD THING ABOUT NANASHIMA IS HIS LOOKS.
DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU, KAE-CHAN!!
... A-CHAN.

IT'S ALL GOOD!
THE CUTENESS MAKES ME HAPPY! ♡
It's not a problem!
Really?
REALLY!
DID YOU SEE THAT?! IGARASHI APOLOGIZED EVEN THOUGH NANASHIMA WAS THE ONE WHO DID IT!!
IS THAT A PAIRING? A PAIRING, RIGHT? THAT'S A PAIRING!!
PANT PANT
OH MY GOD!!
IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME!!
...MAYBE LET IT BOTHER YOU A LITTLE, KAE-CHAN...
EVEN IF I HAVE A CONNECTION WITH HOT GUYS...
IT'S MEANINGLESS TO ME.
A PRINCE SHOULD BE WITH A PRINCE.
MY HAPPINESS COMES FROM PEEPING ON THE SIDELINES, NOT BOTHERING THEM. THAT'S WHERE I BELONG!
HERE
DROOL

SHION PLAYS A BIG PART IN TODAY'S "MIRAGE SAGA," DOESN'T HE?
YUP! ♡
SO LOOKING FORWARD TO SHION! ♡
Chatter
Chatter
SORRY IF I GIVE AWAY WHAT'S HAPPENING ON TWITTER. ♡
INDEED.
Ahoha!
THAT'S FINE!
ALL RIGHT! SEE YOU TOMORROW!
See ya!
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
UNTIL THAT DAY...
He spreads his wings and flies!
Now, flying higher and higherrr!
Ekka@*****
Shion's here! (^_^)=
TA-DAH!
Mirage Saga

THIS GUY'S TOUGH!
THIS WILL BE INTER-ESTING !!

SIGH... SHION...
TODAY'S ANIMATION IS SOOO PRETTY!
Ekka@*****
GYAAAAHH! (((^o^)))
SO CUUUTE! (((^o^)))
WARM



SHION ...!!
THIS CAN'T BE..!!
CRACK
SHIO-OOO-OOON !!!

What? What happened, Kae?!
Mom
Be quiet, fatty!!
Bro
AAAA-AAAH-HHHH!!!
IS SERINUMA ABSENT AGAIN TODAY?
KAE-CHAN...
glance
SHE'S BEEN ABSENT FOR A WEEK ALREADY...
I CAN'T REACH HER, AND HER TWITTER ACCOUNT'S INACTIVE TOO...
I HOPE SHE'S OKAY...
Was she that upset about Shion...?

MEANWHILE, AT THE SERINUMA RESIDENCE...
knock
knock
KAE!
KAE!!
KAE!!
STOP SHUTTING YOURSELF IN LIKE THIS AND COME OUT!!
YOU'RE NOT EVEN EATING... WHAT'S GOING ON?!
DON'T "HUHHH?" ME! AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR LITTLE SISTER?!
HUHHH?
YAWN
scratch scratch
FOR GOD'S SAKE...
OH, TAKURO! DO SOMETHING, WILL YOU?
KA-THUD
crack
annoyed
HEY, FATSO!!
GET YOUR BUTT OUT OF BED!!
THAT FATTY'S SUCH A PAIN...

tug
tug
NOOOO!
TAKE A BATH AND EAT!! YOU'RE GONNA DIE IF YOU KEEP ON LIKE THIS, FATTY!!
fwoosh
C'MON !!
DON'T GIVE ME THAT! YOU'RE MAKING MOM WORRY!
?!

tremble
tremble
tremble
tremble
tremble
tremble
sigh
MY HAIR'S A MESS ...
I'M GONNA TAKE A BATH...
U...
UUH...
FINE...
sniff sniff
GET UP

I GUESS I'LL TELL A-CHAN WHAT HAPPENED ...
SIGH... SHION...
WHY IS THERE A POSTER HERE?
...?
wipe
HUH?
?
...?
wipe
wipe
wipe

BOOM
M-MOM!! THE MIRROR'S BROKEN!!
KAE?! IS THAT YOU, KAE?!
ARE YOU SERI-OUS ?!!
IT CAN'T BE.
THIS CAN'T BE REAL.
BUT ...
A ン…
step

THIS IS REALITY, SO THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.
STARE
OH NO ...
G-GOOD MORN-ING...
EVERYONE'S STARING AT ME...
I DID FORCE THIS UNIFORM TO FIT...
DO I LOOK STRANGE?
IT IS STRANGE, ISN'T IT...?
OH GOD... I SHO-LILD'VE STAYED HOME!!

OH!!
A-CHAN ...!!
A-CHAN!! IT'S BEEN SO LONG!!
わぁんっ WAAH!
HUH?!
I'M SO SORRY I HAVEN'T BEEN IN TOUCH. I BROKE MY SMART-PHONE...
THA ...
THAT VOICE ...
YOU'RE NOT... KAE-CHAN, ARE YOU?!
clatter
clatter
clatter
JOLT
ビクッ
HUHHH?!

UH...
Check her DNA!
The real Serinuma's been abducted!
It's an alien!
WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED TO YOU?!
BOOM
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?! YOU'RE SERI-NUMA?! REALLY?!
NO WAY!
HEY...
TUG
EEK...
STOP IT! YOU'RE SCARING HER!
EVERY-ONE RELAX!

ARE YOU OKAY?
UH...
YEAH.
SMILE
にっ...
THANKS, IGARASHI-KUN.
UH, SORRY!
surprise
WHOA! ARE YOU FOR REAL?!
SHE GOT CUTE AFTER LOSING WEIGHT... LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A MANGA!!
CHECK HER OUT!
RIGHT?!
ドキ...
BADUMP

HEY, UH...
NANA-SHIMA?
GASP!
...!
MAN, HOW CRAZY!
SERI-OUSLY!
SHE'S LOOKING MIGHTY FINE, ALL RIGHT! VERRRY NICE!
HEY!
BUT WATCH OUT, GUYS!
DON'T FORGET WHAT SHE USED TO BE!
NANA! C'MON, MAN!

うるっ
SOB
SOB
BOOM
ドン
DASH
ダッ
どきん
THA-THUMP
THA-THUMP
HEY!
KAE-CHAN!!
ボん
THUMP
...?
どきん
?!
THA-THUMP
どきん
?!
THA-THUMP
AAAH, YOU MADE HER CRY!
Aaah!
Aaah!
H-HUH?!
ME?!
You made her cry!
You made her cry!
So awful!
Nanashima, you're sooo cruel!

OH NO...
WHEN I...
WHEN I SEE NANASHIMA-KUN, I START TO REMEMBER SHION!!
WAAAAHHH!
flip
WHA?!
CRASH
ACK!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?! DON'T RUN! IT'S DANG-ER-
huff
OW...
NGH...
OH...
I'M SORRY!!
SHINO-MIYA-KUN!

gasp
W...
WAIT !!
WELL, THEN...
I'M TRULY SORRY.
THAT'S GOOD.
UH, NO.
ARE YOU HURT?
GRAB
HUH?
W-WHAT ...?
UH, WELL...
ER...
UMM...

*Nurse's Office

MUTSUMI-SENPAI?!
OH!
AH, SERI-NUMA-SAN.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
rush
IT'S NOTH-ING.
I SAVED A CAT WHO COULDN'T GET DOWN FROM A TREE AND GOT BADLY SCRATCHED.
PHEW
WH-WHAT MADE YOU DO THAT?!
HOLD IT!!

WH... WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
HUH?
UH... YOUR NAME'S ...
SERI-NUMA-SAN?
?
So close...
KAE SERINUMA-SAN.
U...
UH...
GASP!
THAT'S HOW YOU KNEW MY NAME ...
UH, YEAH.
WOBBLE
UUUH...

DASH
sob
?
YEAH,
T-TELL ME ABOUT IT!
THIS CAN'T BE!!
AH...
WELL...
WHAT WAS UP WITH HIM?
HE'S A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT I KNOW, BUT...
I GUESS I CHANGED SO MUCH THAT HE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME...
dab
dab
And it's more than just a little weight
You're too kind
Ahaha!
ONLY YOU CAN TELL THAT IT'S ME, SENPAI!
WELL, I MEAN ...
"CHANGED"?
WELL, YEAH, I SUPPOSE YOU'VE GOTTEN SKINNIER WHILE YOU'VE BEEN GONE... BUT I CAN STILL TELL, Y'KNOW?

YOUR KINDNESS HASN'T CHANGED.
YOU'RE STILL SERI-NUMA-SAN.
THANK YOU...
THAT'S RIGHT.
JUST BECAUSE MY APPEARANCE HAS SUDDENLY CHANGED DOESN'T MEAN THAT I'VE CHANGED WHO I AM ON THE INSIDE.
I'M STILL ME.

NOTHING'S CHANGED.
SERI-NUMA-SAN.
UH...
WOULD YOU...
LIKE TO GO TO A MOVIE WITH ME NEXT SUNDAY?
chatter
...
HUH?
chatter

IGA-RASHI!
HOLD ON, MAN!
SERI-NUMA'S MY–
NANA!
HUH?
ばたばたばたばたrush rush rush
OH. THERE YOU ARE.
SERI-NUMA-SEN-PAI.
MAY I TALK TO YOU FOR A MINUTE?
OH, SERI-NUMA-SAN...
I HAVE SOME-THING I WANTED TO...

...
WHA ...?
IT SHOULD BE...
JUST ANO-THER ...
DAY...
RIGHT ...?
HUH?

#2
CAN SHE DO IT?
A REAL-LIFE
OTOME GAME!!
KAE

中野
*Nakano
WH... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
OHHH! ♡

NO WHINING!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ASKED ME TO LEND YOU SOME CLOTHES, KAE-CHAN!
UH OKAY
IT'S CUTE, BUT... HOT PANTS ON A DATE IS A NO!!
WHA?!
AGAIIIN?!
OKAY! NEXT, TRY THIS ON!!
shwip
Let's go with this blouse aaand Oh, this skirt!

rustle
rustle
OH GOD...
smirk
smirk
KAE-CHAN ON A DAAATE! HEHE!
BUT STILL... A DATE, HUH?

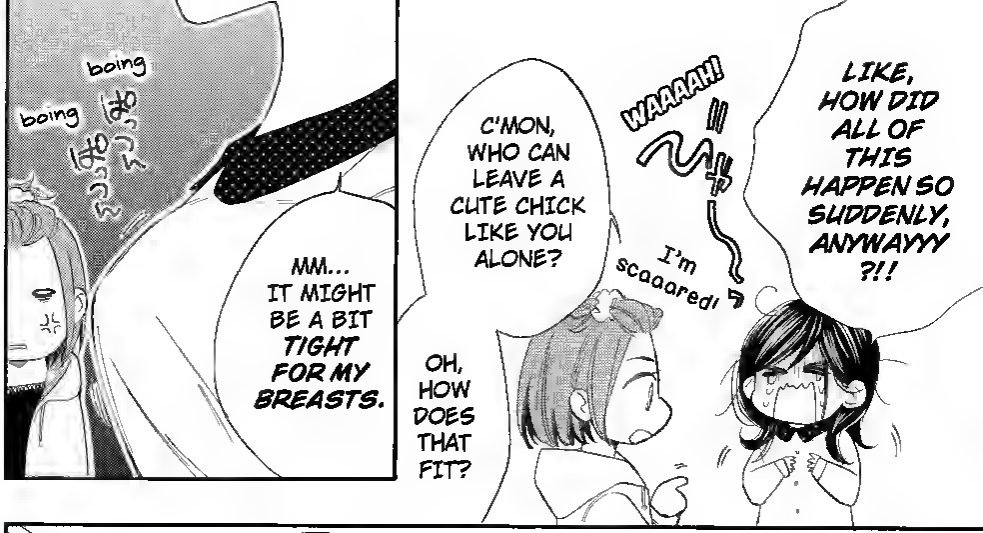
A DATE...
THIS IS A DATE, HUH...
RUSTLE
YES, IT IS!
AFTER ALL OF THAT...

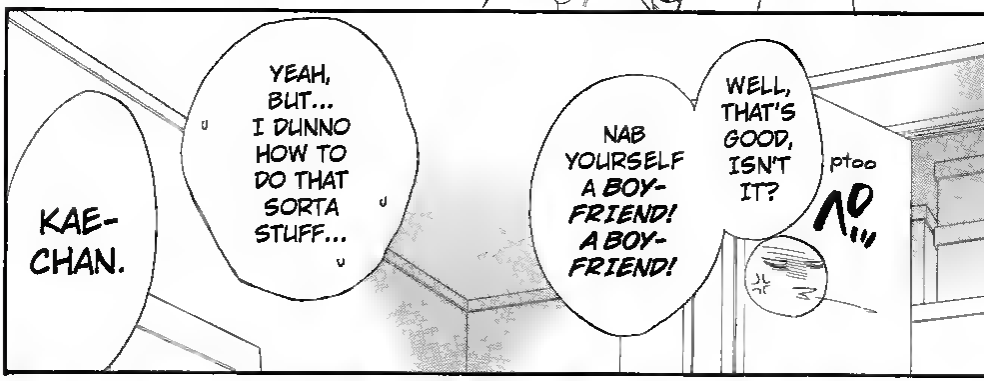
BOOM
WHA...
WHAT IS THIS SITUA-TION I'M IN?!

QUICK TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE, AS ALWAYS!
GOOD THING I RUSHED TO GET HERE.
Nanashima
WHAT?
I'M TALKING TO SERINUMA-SAN HERE.
Igarashi
I WAS WONDERING IF I COULD BORROW THE NEXT PART OF THE BOOK YOU LENT ME...
Mutsumi
UM ...
I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY RUDE BEHAVIOR EARLIER...
Shinomiya

I WAS ASKING YOU IF YOU WANTED TO GO TO A MOVIE WITH ME ON SUNDAY.
H...
HOLD ON!
I CAN'T HEAR WITH ALL OF YOU TALKING AT THE SAME TIME...
HUH?
ME TOO!
TH-THEN... ME TOO?
I...I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME THING!!
YOU GUYS, TONE IT DOWN A NOTCH...
UH, EXCUSE ME...
Flustered
What's going on?
What's going on?
Huh?
ME TOO, I GUESS?
DON'T LOOK AT ME!
And who are you?
SHRIEK
HUH?! NO WAY! YOU IDIOT! IDIOT!
YOU LIAR! YOU JUST THOUGHT OF THAT NOW!
SHRIEK

*Otome game: A "girl game" is a story-based dating game where a girl tries to develop a romantic relationship with one of several male characters


boing
boing
MM... IT MIGHT BE A BIT TIGHT FOR MY BREASTS.
C'MON, WHO CAN LEAVE A CUTE CHICK LIKE YOU ALONE?
WAAAAH!
I'm scaaared!
LIKE, HOW DID ALL OF THIS HAPPEN SO SUDDENLY, ANYWAYYY ?!!
OH, HOW DOES THAT FIT?


KAE-CHAN.
YEAH, BUT... I DUNNO HOW TO DO THAT SORTA STUFF...
NAB YOURSELF A BOY-FRIEND! A BOY-FRIEND!
WELL, THAT'S GOOD, ISN'T IT?
ptoo
NO!!!

GASP!!

A MAN'S WOUND... CAN ONLY BE HEALED BY ANO-THER MAN.

SHION...!
C'MON! IT'LL BE FINE!!
whimper
KAE-CHAN, GET FIRED UP FOR A NEW GENRE... THE BOY-FRIEND!
THAT REMINDS ME, A-CHAN, DID YOU LET YOUR BOYFRIEND KNOW YOU'RE AN OTAKU?
Mikoshiba-kun
HUH?
NO WAY! WHY WOULD I DO THAT?!
AHA! あっは!
IF HE KNEW, IT'D BE OVER!
BESIDES, IT'S SUCH A HASSLE, KAE-CHAN, SO YOU SHOULD KEEP THAT UNDER WRAPS TOO!!
OH... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
I CAN'T LET THEM FIND OUT...
WELL, I SHOULD BE OKAY! I CAN HIDE IT FOR A DAY!

chatter
ざわ
chatter
ざわ
chatter
ざわ

Sunday

SUCH A PERFECT QUARTET ...!!
BEAUTIFUL...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK THERE?
はっ
SERINUMA-SAN! OVER HERE!
gasp
OH!
OH NO! SHOOT!
Oh!
SORRY FOR BEING LATE!
tap
tap
SO CUTE.
SO CUTE.
SO CUTE.
NOT AT ALL.

NO FANTA-SIES TODAY! NOT A SINGLE ONE!
GRIP
OKAY!
STILL...
MARD9
全米が号泣!!
愛のトワイライト
Love's Twilight
...GOD, THIS IS BORING...
nod nod nod
GETTING SLEEPY...
LEAN
ZZZ

THE SEAT ORDER WAS DECIDED BY ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS!
Man... Oh well...
STARE
stare
stare
zzz
FLASH
YAWN
chatter
chatter
IT WAS PRETTY GOOD, WASN'T IT?
THE STORY WAS LAME!
GEEZ ...
sniff
I WAS SO BUSY WATCHING THOSE TWO, I DON'T REMEMBER A THING...
YEAH... IT SURE WAS...
SHOOT

HERE... WANNA USE THIS?
I got these tissues earlier
fwip
TWINKLE
あっ!
WHA...
STARE
I... I'M GOOD.
LOOKS LIKE YOUR RUNNY NOSE IS GIVING YOU A HARD TIME THOUGH...
I-I DON'T HAVE A RUNNY NOSE!!!
UH, YOU DO...
A pretty bad one

A SENPAI WHO CLEVERLY HANDLES HIS STUBBORN KOHAI... THIS ISN'T A BAD–
GASP
WHA... WHAT IS THIS DARK HORSE?!!
SIGH.
shaa
SERI-NUMA-SAN.
grumble grumble
AWAY WITH YOU, FANTAS-IES!! AWAY!!
I...I'M GONNA USE THE BATHROOM REAL QUICK!!
N...NO FANTA-SIES!!
SO MANY THINGS I COULD GET CARRIED AWAY WITH!!
HUH?
GRAB

IGA-RASHI-KUN?!
SH!
WH-WHERE'S EVERYONE ELSE?!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM!
JUST COME WITH ME FOR A SEC!
「アップもパーフェクト！」
NEW
Purr

*Purikura = sticker pictures

OKAY?
BADUMP
badump
badump
badump
badump
MY HEART IS BEATING REALLY FAST...
FOR SOME REASON...
WHA...
WHAT DO I DO?
badump

BOOM
wheeze wheeze
sst
WAIT!!
jolt
SNAP
tmp
OH...
I CAN TELL WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!!
hahaha
はっはっは
YOU KNOW ME TOO WELL, NANA...

はっ
GASP
MY SSX7 SHOT IS HERE!!
IT'S THE JACKPOT! A NATIONAL TREASURE! THE PRIDE OF MAN!!
OH MY GAWWWD!
I GOTTA SHOW A-CHAN!
あ
AAAH!
あ
あ
WHAT THE HECK IS WRONG WITH ME...?!
I...
JUST GOT ALL FLUSTERED OVER A GUY LIKE SOME NORMAL GIRL...
GRIP
NOT GOOD ...
THIS IS DEFIN-INTELY NOT GOOD!

*Attack on Idiot
Collect the action figure!!
His eyes light up!
進撃の痴人
フィギュア もらえる!
HAPPY MEAL
NEW
B... BLT...
What will you have?
I GOTTA RIDE THIS OUT!
I want I want
NOTHING GOOD WILL COME OF THEM FINDING OUT THAT I'M AN OTAKU!
Funky Monkey Babys for me!
Wanna sing it so bad!
Kana-chan for me
What're you gonna sing?
Hit Songs from Anime and Games!
はー gasp
I'M NOT GONNA LET MY FAULTS SHOW!!
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
IS EVERY-THING ALL RIGHT?

HUH?
ARE YOU TIRED?
SHOULD WE GO INTO A CAFE AND REST?
NONO, REALLY. I'M FIIIINE.
LISTEN UP, FOLKS!
YOU LOOK A LITTLE UNWELL...
N-NOT AT ALL. I'M SUPER!
AHA!
I. AM. HAVING. A. LOT. OF. FUN!!
AHA!
PAUSE
anime Ito 伊東
LIMITED EDITION MIRAGE SAGA MERCHANDISE! THIS STORE ONLY, JUST FOR TODAY!

WHAAAAT?!!
DING!
OTAKU
OTOME
WHA...
IT'S THE LAST SHIPMENT FROM THE MANUFACTURING WAREHOUSE!
IF IT'S A LIMITED ITEM AT THIS STORE, THEN... THEN...
COULD IT BE THAT THING THAT GOT SOLD OUT IN TEN MINUTES? THE EVER SO RARE ...?!
ドクン ドクン
badump badump
HEY, SERINUMA? SERIOUSLY, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
UH... NOTHING!
ZIP
...NO...
I GOTTA HANG ON...
I'VE KEPT IT TOGETHER UNTIL NOW...
JUST A LITTLE LONGER AND I'LL BE HOME FREE...
CLENCH

OTAKU
BING
OTOME
ONLY ONE LIMITED ITEM LEFT!!
wobble
step
I'M SORRY ...
I...
HAVE TO GO ...!

DASH
anime伊東
I HAVE TO GOOO!!
HUH?
SERI-NUMA?!
—
HUH ...?
伊東
anime伊東
anime伊東
HEY,
SHE'S OUT.
vrrr

SWOOSH
I'M SORRY.
THE TRUTH IS...
I'M AN OTAKU.

OKAY.
OH.
I'M SORRY I DISAPPEARED SO SUDDENLY LIKE THAT...
BUT I...
ぎゅっ
KNEW I'D REGRET IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE IF I MISSED OUT ON BUYING THIS!
SQUEEZE
IT MEANS THAT MUCH?
TODAY... YOU ASKED ME OUT LIKE THIS AND...
AHHH...

I BLEW IT.
I TRIED REALLY HARD TO GO ON A NORMAL DATE, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK.
I WAS TRYING SO HARD NOT TO SHOW MY FLAWS...
THAT I... COULDN'T ENJOY MYSELF.
IT WAS ALL FOR NOTHING.
REALLY... I'M SO SORRY.
BUT ...
THANK YOU FOR TODAY.
SURE ENOUGH, I CAN'T LIE TO MYSELF.

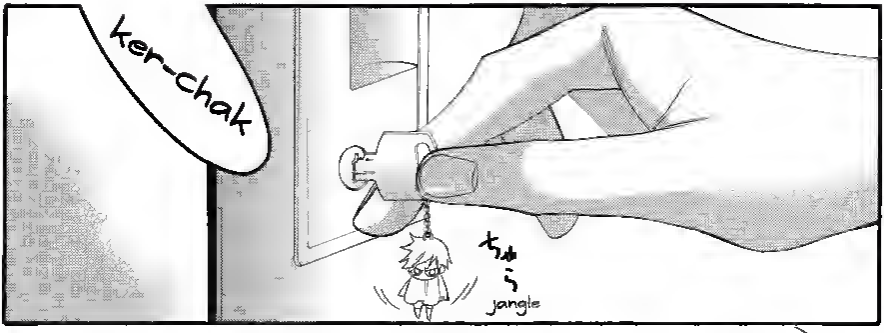
WELL, I'LL BE ON MY WAY NOW...
TURN
HEY.
WAIT...
SORRY, BUT I'M NOT FOLLOW-ING YOU...
Um .
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM ?
HUH?
It's a body pillow, y'know ?!
ISN'T IT A GOOD THING TO HAVE SOMETHING YOU LIKE?
THAT'S HOW I FEEL.
AND BESIDES ...

SERINUMA-SAN, THERE'S A REALLY BRIGHT SPARKLE IN YOUR EYES RIGHT NOW...
I MUCH PREFER YOU LIKE THIS...
ぽわん
soft
clench
You're too kind!
S...SENPAI!
Are you an angel ?!
きゅんきゅん♡
badump badump

THAT'S RIGHT. THIS IS WAY BETTER THAN THE DEAD EYES YOU HAD BEFORE.
Y-YEAH.
I'VE WATCHED ANIME BEFORE TOO... EVANGELION, WAS IT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
NEXT, LET'S GO SOMEWHERE YOU WANT, SERINUMA-SAN.
WE'LL GO WITH YOU.
YOU GUYS ...!

THANK YOU SO MUCH..!!
BADUMP
so cute
so cute
so cute
OKAY! I WANNA CHECK OUT THE NEW PRODUCT LINE, SO LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE ANIME STORE!
excited
excited
HUH ...?!
AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED! IT WAS SO FUN, AND EVERY-ONE'S SO NICE!!
OH, AND CHECK OUT THIS SWAG!
5 x 7 purikura!
It's 7 x 5.
WHY'D YOU EVEN GO ON A DATE, KAE-CHAN ...?

#3 CAN SHE GET ALONG WITH THE BALL?


ker-chak
ちゃら
jangle

HUH?
THAT'S THE CHARM SERINUMA GAVE US THE OTHER DAY, ISN'T IT?

YOU'RE CRAZY, MAN...
IGARASHI...

WELL, Y'KNOW...
WHAT'S SO CRAZY ABOUT THAT?
YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THESE NEW MINIATURE DOLLS! THEY'RE SOOO CUTE!!
THEIR OUTFITS EVEN HAVE THIGH SLITS ON THEM AGAIN!! THEY TOTALLY GET IT!!
ちゃら…♪
JANGLE...
Thank you
MATCHING
UM, THIS IS TO SAY THANK YOU FOR TODAY...
HUH?
I'D LIKE ALL OF YOU TO HAVE ONE...!
AND SHE GAVE US ANIME CHARACTER CHARMS! WE DON'T NEED THOSE!!
AHAHA!
アホか
ARE YOU STUPID?

SERIOUSLY!!
DON'T LAUGH, MAN!
ISN'T IT A TURN-OFF, THOUGH?
NAW... YOU DON'T THINK IT'S AMUS-ING?

SO YOU'RE GIVING UP, THEN?
THAT'S ONE LESS COMPETI-TOR FOR ME, SO I'M HAPPY, PERSON-ALLY.
thud
thud
YOU SERIOUS?! YOU'RE A WEIRD ONE...
OVER THERE!!
thud

LEAVE IT TO ME!!!

BANG
ARGH!!
おおお
お
お
お
OHHH!

PHEW!
GLISTEN
YOU SAVED IT!
YOU'RE AMAZING, SERINUMA-SAN!
clap
clap
WOWWW! AMAZING! JUST AMAZING!
I KNEW YOU WERE PRETTY ATHLETIC, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THIS GOOD...!!
YOU WERE ALWAYS REAL FAST JUMPING FROM SIDE TO SIDE!!
pant
step
step
step
hehe
IT'S AN HONOR TO BE COMPLI-MENTED BY YOU!

HOHOHO!
HO HOHO!
Wow... Someone's getting excited...
GULP
WOW...
LIKE I'VE GROWN WINGS ...!!
MY BODY FEELS LIGHT ...!!
THAT WAS A BRILLIANT DIVE FOR THE BALL!
clap
clap
clap
WHAT'S EVERYONE SO ECSTATIC ABOUT ...?!
.....
squeal squeal

Locker Room
更衣室
HUH?
HELP OUT THE GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM?
ME?
SINCE YOU SEEM SO GOOD AT SPORTS, SERINUMA-SAN, I WAS WONDERING IF YOU MIGHT HELP...
WE HAVE A PRACTICE GAME THIS WEEKEND, BUT ONE OF OUR TEAM MEMBERS IS ABSENT DUE TO AN INJURY.
OUR TEAM ONLY HAS ELEVEN TEAM MEMBERS TO SWITCH IN AND OUT DURING A GAME...
YES!
JUST 'CAUSE SHE SEEMS GOOD...
DOESN'T MEAN SHE CAN PLAY SOCCER ...
So silly!
I'LL DO IT!!

WHAT? YOU DO?
That's news to me
IT'LL BE FINE! I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I KNOW A LOT ABOUT SOCCER!
YUP!
HEY... KAE-CHAN, YOU SHOULDN'T JUST AGREE WITHOUT GIVING IT SOME THOUGHT...
REALLY?! THANKS SO MUCH!!
HUH?!

WHA... WHAAA?!!
I'M A FAN OF CAPTAIN TSUBASA, SHOOT, AND INAZUMA ELEVEN!!

SHE'S GONNA BE A MESS. SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE...
GULP
THANK YOUUU!
squeal
squeal
LET'S GIVE IT OUR BEST!!

Cafeteria
食堂
そば うどん *Soba/Udon
chomp もぐ"
chomp もぐ"
HUH...
YOU WATCH SOCCER, SERI-NUMA-SAN?
SOME KINDA MAGIC SPELL ...?
Ina-ele?
HUH!
IS THAT SO?
blah
blah
OH YEAH!! I ALWAYS SUPPORTED ALIEA'S GAZELLE IN INA-ELE!
*You don't need to get it.
OH, SO SHE GETS THAT...
That's a good idea
YEAH.
THAT'S WHY I'LL BE GOING TO GIRLS' SOCCER PRACTICE STARTING TODAY.
STILL, IT'S MY FIRST TIME PLAYING, SO I HAVE TO PRACTICE.

I'LL SUPPORT YOU TOO! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!
DO YOUR BEST! I'LL BE THERE TO CHEER YOU ON!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US AT THE HISTORY CLUB...
SINCE I'M IN THE SOCCER CLUB, I THINK I COULD BE OF HELP!
SHOULD I COACH YOU?
HE'S SLICK...
sip
sip
キャ!!
キャ!!
SQUEAL
SQUEAL
THANK YOU!!
WHA?! REALLY ?!

!
SIP
BUT I HAVE PRACTICE TOO, SO I CAN'T BE THERE THE WHOLE TIME.
OH!
YOU CAN TEACH HER, NANA! YOU PLAYED LONG TIME AGO!

NO WAY, MAN.
STUFF LIKE THAT CAN'T BE TAUGHT OVER-NIGHT!

YOU DON'T KNOW THAT UNLESS YOU GIVE IT A SHOT, RIGHT?
A PURE NOVICE WHO'S ONLY HAD A WEEK'S WORTH OF PRACTICE USUALLY ENDS UP BEING A DRAG ON THE TEAM.
CRUSH

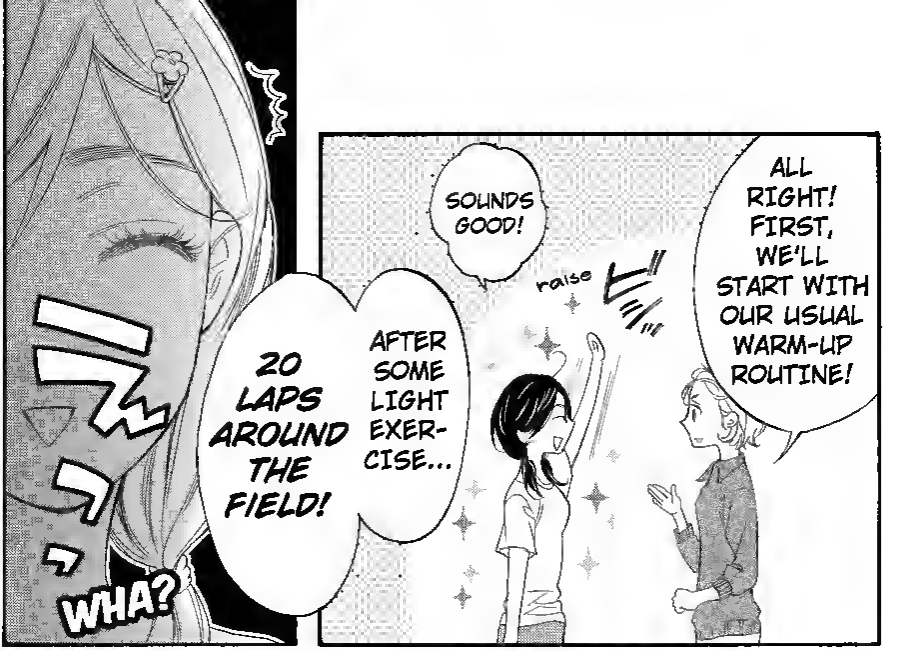
THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA PRACTICE!
キャプ翼
CAPTAIN TSUBASA
THE BALL IS MY FRIEND! I CAN GET ALONG WITH IT!!
イライラ
ANNOYED
THAT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN!!
TSUBASA BECAME FRIENDS WITH THE BALL BECAUSE HE WAS WITH IT AROUND THE CLOCK!
I-IT'S NOT THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT'S IMPORTANT! IT'S WHAT YOU DO WITH THE TIME!!
AND YOU HAVEN'T DONE MUCH WITH YOUR TIME EITHER!
Don't make light of Tsubasa-kun!
THE BALL HAS THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE SOMEONE TOO, Y'KNOW!!
SO MEAN!
CLATTER
ガ!!
ガ
じと
SEETHE
NOW, NOW!
LET'S ALL RELAX.
SEETHE
CALM DOWN, NANA
What are you talking about?
SEETHE

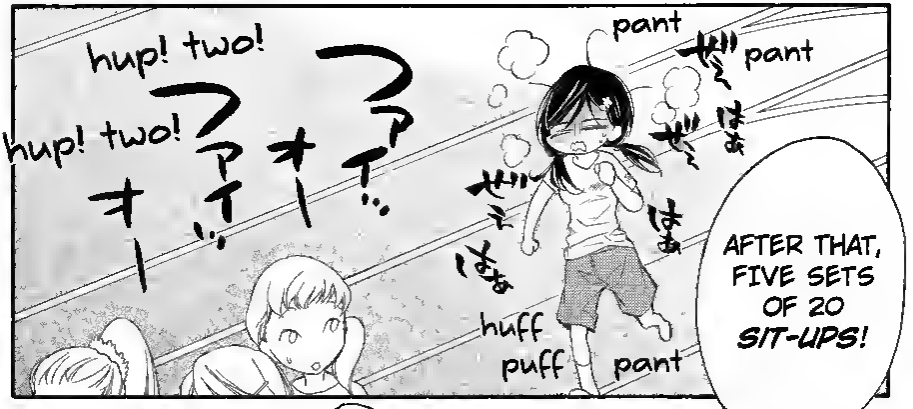
TCH!
Dumb otaku!

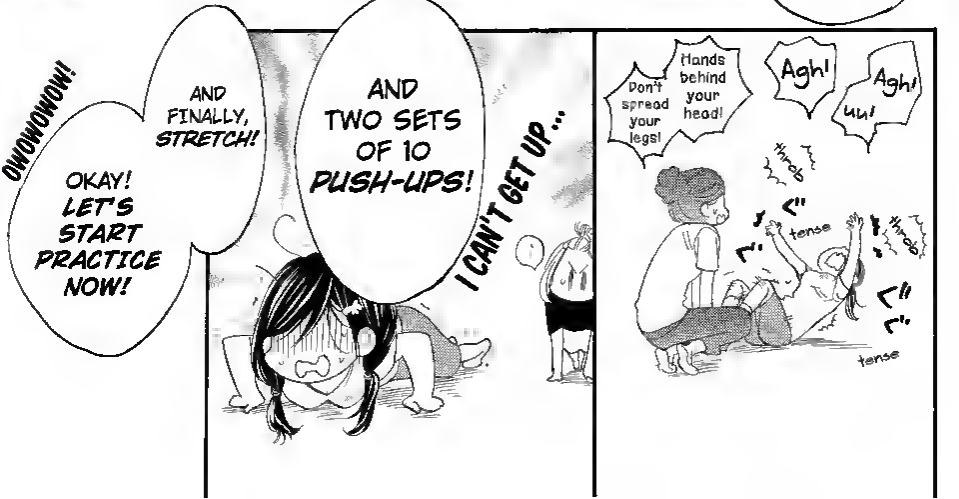
AT ANY RATE, I'M NOT GONNA HAVE ANY PART IN THIS!
DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT.
TURN

I'M GONNA GET GOOD AT SOCCER NO MATTER WHAT!
GRIMACE
WH...WHY IS HE TALKING TO ME LIKE THAT?!
GRIMACE

AND THEN WE'RE GONNA WIN!!
AND SO... SERINUMA-SAN HAS COME TO HELP OUR TEAM!
Glad to have you with us!
HOPE I CAN BE OF HELP!
clap
clap
clap


ALL RIGHT! FIRST, WE'LL START WITH OUR USUAL WARM-UP ROUTINE!
SOUNDS GOOD!
raise
AFTER SOME LIGHT EXER-CISE...
20 LAPS AROUND THE FIELD!
WHA?


hup! two!
hup! two!
pant
pant
huff
puff
pant
AFTER THAT, FIVE SETS OF 20 SIT-UPS!


OKAY! LET'S START PRACTICE NOW!
AND FINALLY, STRETCH!
OWOWOWOW!
AND TWO SETS OF 10 PUSH-UPS!
I CAN'T GET UP...
Don't spread your legs!
Hands behind your head!
Agh!
Agh!
uuu
tense
tense

A... ARE YOU OKAY?
SERI-NUMA-SAN?
WHOA... YOU LOOK LIKE A NEWLY BORN FAWN, SERINUMA-SAN.
I'M FINE.
WHEEZE
はー
I'M F... FIII...
wobble
I FORGOT I WAS ALWAYS AN INDOOR PERSON, SO I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH!
SHOULD WE CALL IT A DAY?
MY BODY CAN MOVE WELL AFTER I LOST WEIGHT, BUT...
OH GOD, I'M NOT FINE AT ALL!

End of Day 1
LET'S CALL IT A DAY.
...OKAY.
I CAN KEE—
ベリ
UU-UUH.
I CAN KEEP GOING.
しょっ
THUD
Day 2
IS IT TOO TIGHT?
IF YOU PROPERLY WRAP YOUR LEGS, YOU CAN PREVENT INJURY...
UH, NO.

THANK YOU, SHINOMIYA-KUN!
わっ!
WOW!
For everyone!
I'VE BROUGHT REFRESHMENTS!
wrap wrap
I-IT'S NOTHING. A-ANYTHING TO HELP YOU, SENPAI..
erm erm
THANK YOU!!
SORE MUSCLES
ビキ
THROB
ビキ
THROB
ビキ
THROB
URK!
OKAY! I'M GONNA SHOW 'EM!
WHAT I'VE
GOT!
slam
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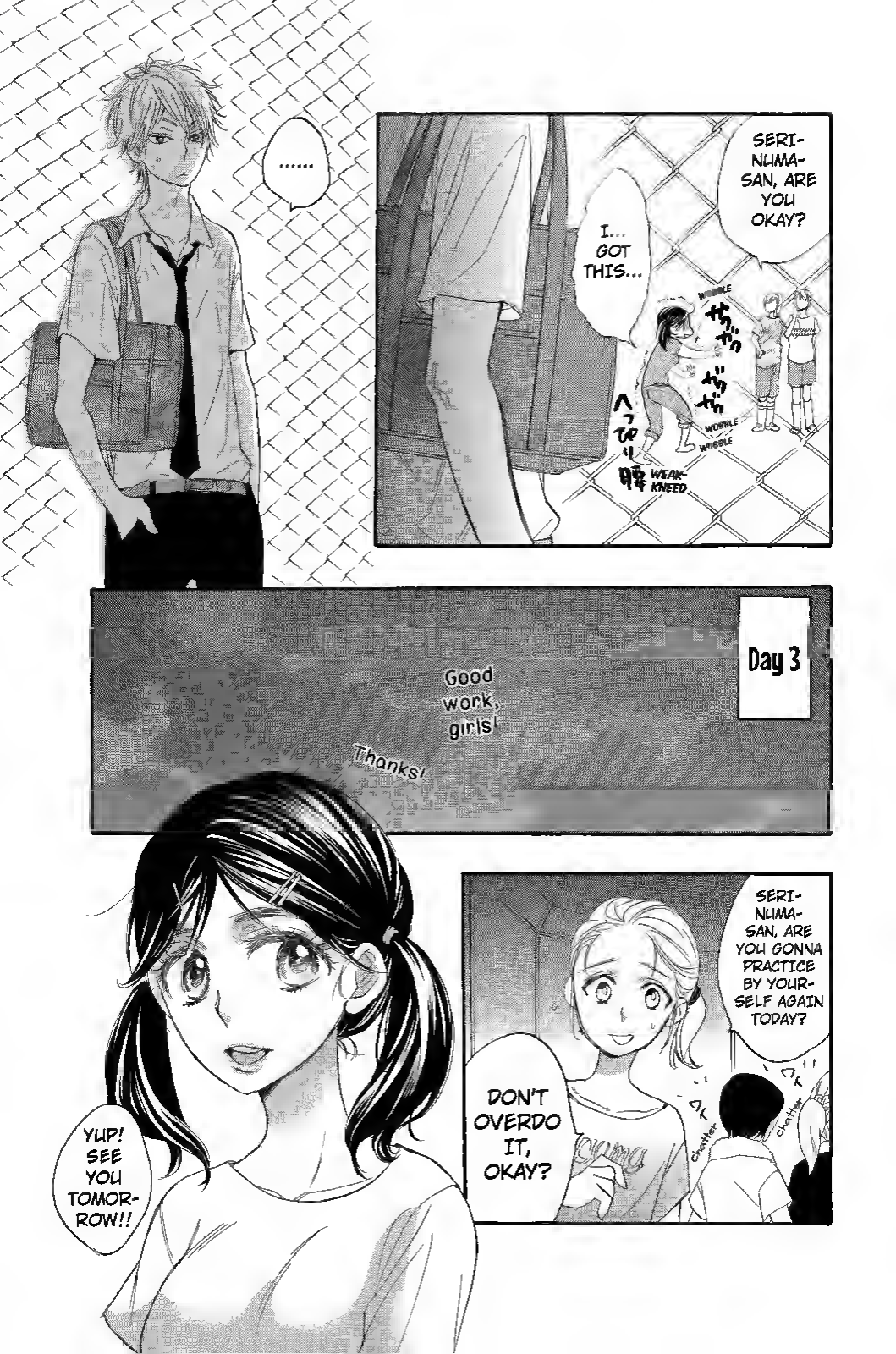
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SERI-NUMA-SAN, ARE YOU OKAY?
I... GOT THIS...
WHIBBLE
WOBBLE
WHIBBLE
WEAK-KNEED
Day 3
Good work, girls
Thanks!
SERI-NUMA-SAN, ARE YOU GONNA PRACTICE BY YOUR-SELF AGAIN TODAY?
DON'T OVERDO IT, OKAY?
clatter
clatter
YUP! SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!!

HEY,
BE HONEST, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HER? I WONDER IF SHE'LL BE OKAY.
HUH? SERI-NUMA-SAN?
YEAH.
SHE'S A TOTAL WASH-OUT...
WE SHOULD LOOK FOR SOMEONE ELSE, DON'T YOU THINK?
THA... THAT'S SO MEAN! YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT LIKE THAT!
BUT... THEN AGAIN... HMM...
SLAM
YOU DON'T DO THAT WHEN YOU WERE THE ONES WHO ASKED HER.
jolt
Huh?
Who's that?
step
step

boing
boing
WHATEVER. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
I JUST BLURTED THAT OUT...
SHOOT ...
FWOOSH

BONK!!
CURVE
YOW!
?!

ARE YOU FOOLING AROUND ?!
KA-SHING
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT RIDIC-ULOUS CURVE BALL?
HEY YOU !!
H...
THA... THAT HURT...
NA... NANA-SHIMA-KUN?!
jolt
KA-SHING
quiver
quiver
quiver
quiver
quiver
I-I'M NOT FOOLING AROUND... WHEN I KICK IT, IT ALWAYS COMES BACK AT ME FOR SOME REASON.
HUH?
That's actually pretty amazing!

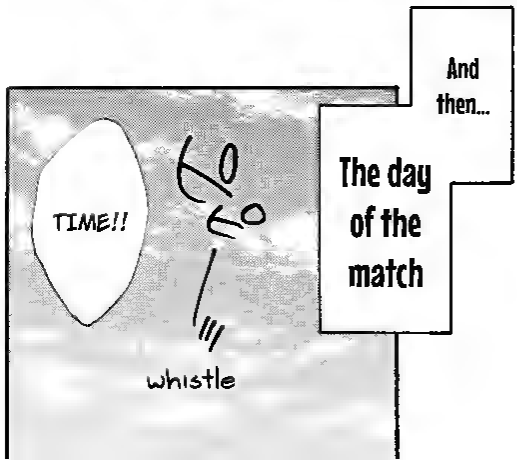
THEY DID SAY SHE WAS A WASH-OUT...
scratch scratch
YOU KNOW ...
WHY DON'T YOU QUIT?
I GUESS THE BALL DOESN'T WANT TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH ME... ☆
ANNOYED
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
UH... NO...
Sorry
It's troubling ♥
NO.
THE GAME ISN'T ABOUT A BEGINNER MAKING MIRACLES HAPPEN.
YOU CAN STILL BOW OUT NOW, CAN'T YOU?
I FELT LIKE I COULD DO ANYTHING, BUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE...
I WAS OVER-CONFI-DENT.
YOU WERE RIGHT, NANA-SHIMA-KUN...
HUH?
shwip

STILL... I TOOK ON THE CHALL-ENGE,
SO I DON'T WANNA GIVE UP!!
ドキ-ン
badump

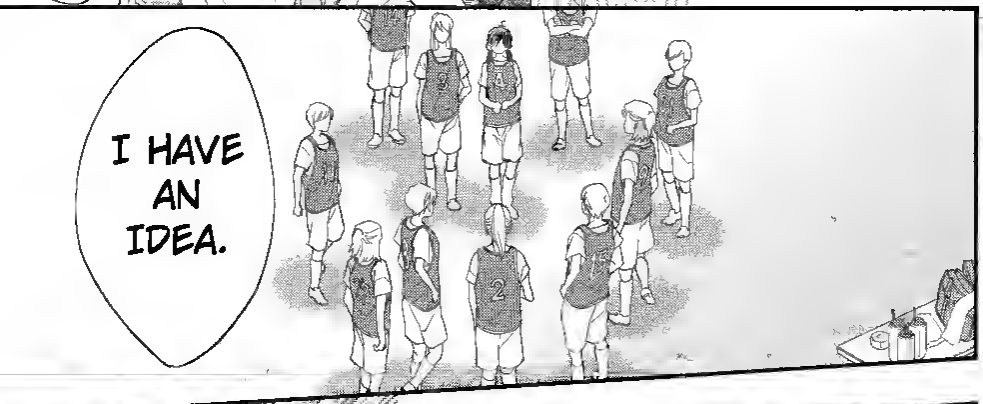
TRY ONE MORE TIME.
HUH?
flwip
YOU MIGHT BE DOING SOMETHING WEIRD WHEN YOU KICK THE BALL...
MAYBE IT'S YOUR ANKLE, OR HOW YOU FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR FOOT...
HUH?
DAMN IT.
tmp
....
I GUESS I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE !!
YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP, RIGHT?
I'LL HELP YOU.
THEN JUST DO WHAT YOU CAN!

Club Activity
YOU'RE RIGHT.
WE'RE LATE, YET NANA'S HERE FOR SOME REASON...
Committee
Team Practice

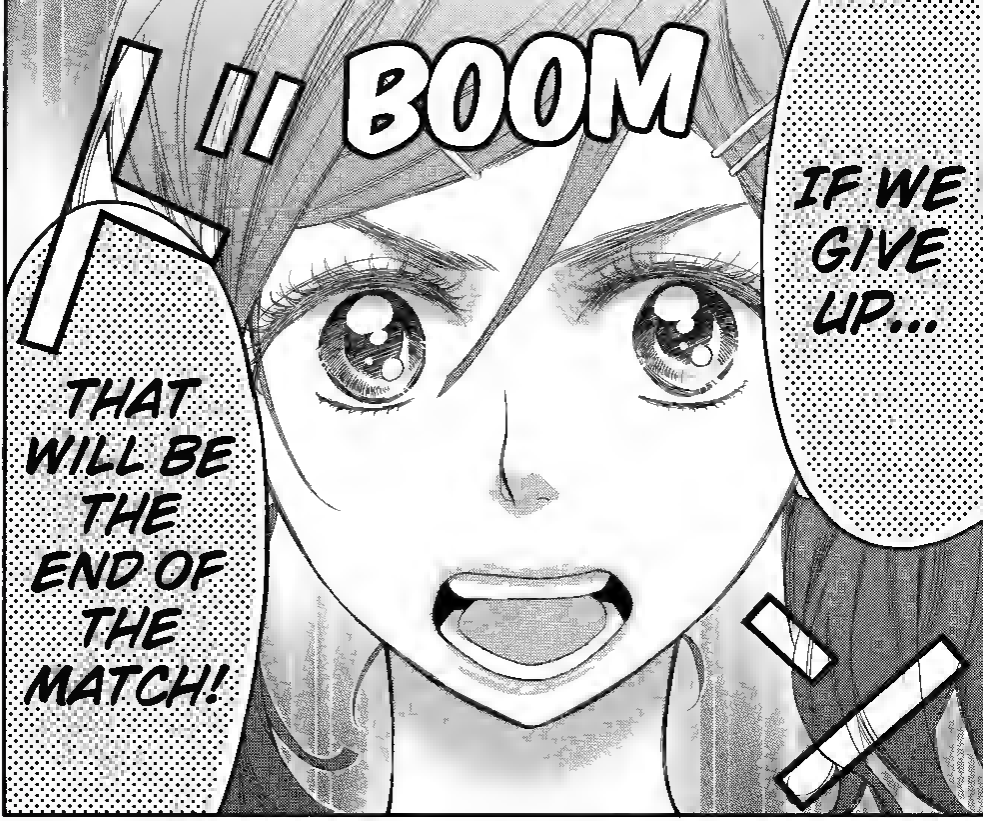
tsk
AFTER FIGHTING LIKE THAT, HE SURE CAME BACK QUICK!
Tch!
tsk
NOW, NOW, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING WHEN PEOPLE GET ALONG.


And then...
The day of the match
TIME!!
whistle

前半 後半
0 0
0 1
ABOUT TWO MINUTES OR SO LEFT?
THEY'RE IN STOPPAGE TIME AND STILL DOWN ONE POINT...
YEAH...
LOOKS LIKE IT...


I HAVE AN IDEA.

PASS IT TO ME AT THE NEXT THROW-IN!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?!
SORRY, BUT THERE'S NO CHANCE, SERINUMA-SAN... I KNOW YOU GAVE IT YOUR BEST...
AT THIS POINT IN THE GAME, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO.
YOU'RE WRONG, GIRLS!!


BOOM
IF WE GIVE UP...
THAT WILL BE THE END OF THE MATCH!

!!
UH...
ISN'T THAT BASKET-BALL?!
BUT...
SHE'S EXTRE-MELY PERSUA-SIVE!!

A THROW-IN, HUH...
THE OPPOSING TEAM'S GOAL IS REALLY CLOSE...
whoosh
IF THEY CLEAR THE BALL, IT'S ALL OVER.
3

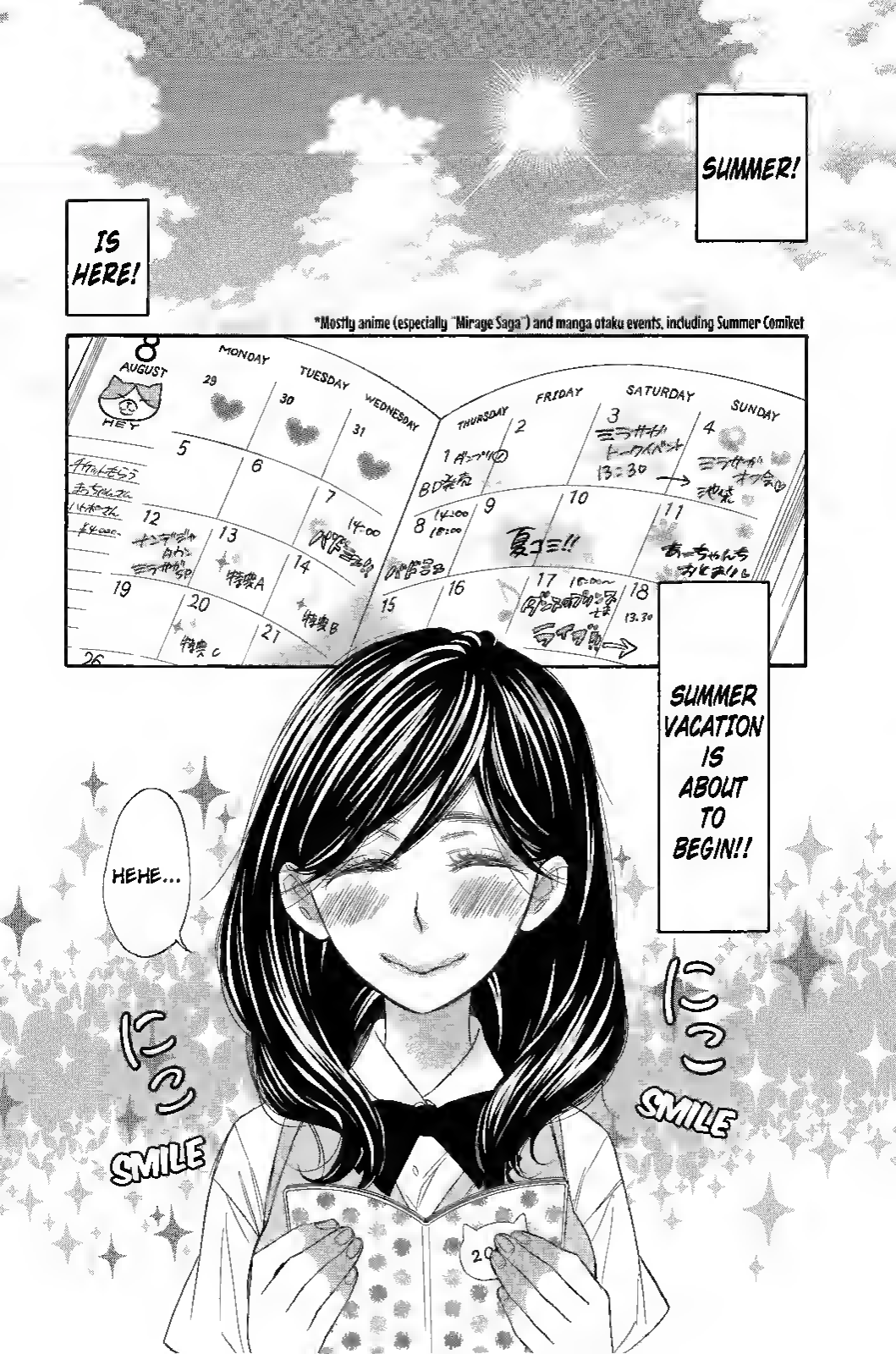
boing
OH!!
NICE!! TRAPPED THE PASS!!
BUT SHE'S FACING THE WRONG WAY...
CHATTER
THIS MIGHT BE HER CHANCE TO SHOOT...
ER ...
HUH?
BOOM
?!
WH...
HUHHH?!
WHERE THE HELL IS SHE KICK-ING?!

WHOOSH
HUH ...?!
DID THE BALL JUST CURVE?! THE BALL CURVED LIKE CRAZY, RIGHT?!
HOW DID IT GO BACKWARDS INTO THE NET?!
WHA... WHAT JUST HAPPENED ?!
YEAH!!

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT SHE'D TURN THE TABLES WITH THAT?!
.....
BAHAAA! はは
GYA HA HA HA HA!!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT... AHAHA!!
HOW STU-PID!!
はははは
HAHAHAHA!
UNBE-LIEV-ABLE...
IS THIS GIRL FOR REAL ?!
SHE'S HILAR-IOUS!!

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE GONNA STEP ASIDE?
swish swish
HUH?
WELL, I CHANGED MY MIND.
THAT'S TOO BAD.
YOU CAN SAY...
That wet compress stinks!
It hurts everywhere
THROB
I know sorry
I'M STARTING OVER...
MAYBE ?
grin
WHAT? THAT'S FISHY!
DID YOU SEE? NANASHIMA AND IGARASHI HAVE THE SAME CHARM ON!
Squeal!
whisper whisper
AND AFTER THAT, A LITTLE RUMOR BEGAN...

#4 THE STRANGE ROOM AND THE FOUR HIGH-SCHOOL BOYS


SUMMER!
IS HERE!
*Mostly anime (especially "Mirage Saga") and manga otaku events, including Summer Comiket
AUGUST
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
夏コミ!!
SUMMER VACATION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!!
HEHE...
にこっ
SMILE
にこっ
SMILE

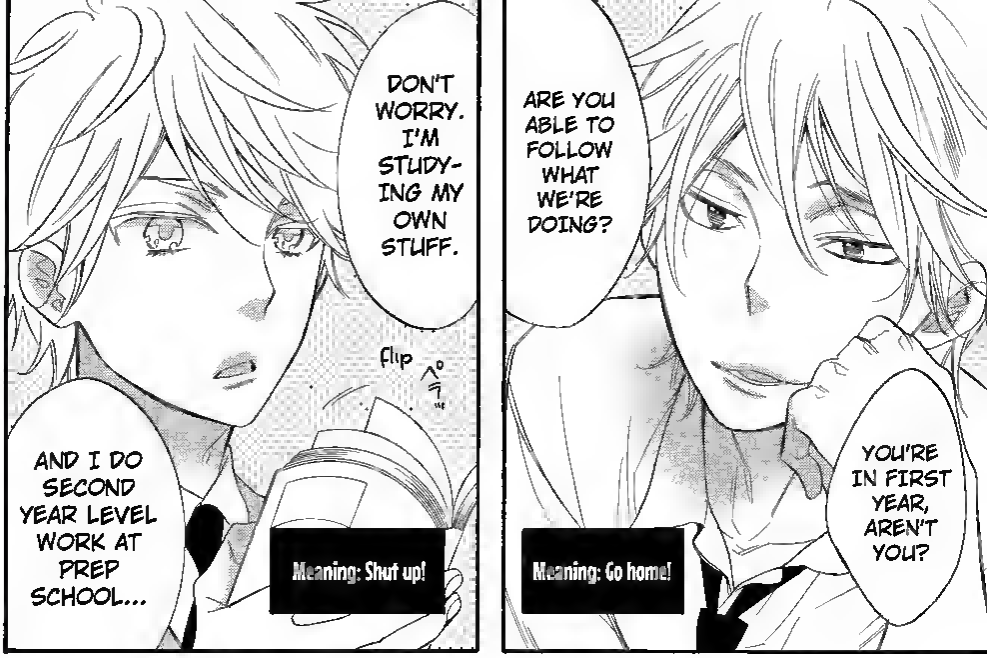
COMIKET, PERFORMANCES, LIVE SHOWS, TALK SESSIONS...
IT WAS WORTH SAVING UP FOR THIS!!
TWINKLE
YOUR SCHEDULE IS PACKED!
THAT'S 'CAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF EVENTS HAPPENING! I ACTUALLY MIGHT BE BUSY!
キャ!! squeal
OOH! YOU SAID IT!
ALL RIGHT! LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!!
YEAH!
STEP
IF YOU FAIL THE FINAL, YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE SUPPLEMENTARY CLASSES DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAY.
SERI-NUMA...
?!
FOR TWO WEEKS.

THE TRUTH IS, KAE-CHAN JUST BARELY PASSED THE MIDTERM EXAM SHE HAD TO TAKE RIGHT AFTER RETURNING TO SCHOOL FROM HER SHION* INCIDENT ABSENCE.
LET'S EXPLAIN!!
*Shion Incident: The most important event of this story that occurred in the first chapter when Kae lost weight and became beautiful.
SO...
SHE'S MEMORIZING ENGLISH WORDS AND TRANSLATING JAPANESE CLASSICS AT THE SAME TIME.
She's an idiot, isn't she?
YOU CAN TELL SHE'S GOING INSANE...
gibberish
gibberish
mumble
THAT'S HOW SHE ENDED UP LIKE THIS...

CALM DOWN.
SOB SOB
I REALLY DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN!
IF I HAVE TO TAKE CLASSES FOR TWO WEEKS... IT'LL GET IN THE WAY OF THE MIRAGE SAGA EVENTS...
SINCE THEY BOTH HAPPEN DURING THE DAY...
MUTSUMI-SENPAI...
SERINUMA-SAN, YOU HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH JAPANESE HISTORY, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU PARTICU-LARLY ANXIOUS ABOUT?
STARE
W...
WELL... MATH, FIRST OF ALL...
UH-HUH.
AND SCIENCE TOO...
UH-HUH.

SH...
SHENPAI!!
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT... YOU'LL CATCH UP.
IF YOU'D LIKE, I CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR STUDIES.
どん
BOOM
OH PLEA-...
TEACH US TOO, SENPAI!!
ALL RIGHT! EVERYONE SURE IS STUDIOUS ...
YEAH !!
smile smile
WE'RE NOT GONNA LEAVE YOU ALONE WITH HER!

After school.
In the library.
IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO GET, HUH?
YUP!!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE REALLY GRASPED IT...
I DIDN'T REALLY GET IT DURING THE LECTURE...
So I ignored it
swish
swish
THEN ...
THIS IS WHAT YOU GET.
DO YOU GET IT UP TO THIS POINT?
HEY!
I MIGHT ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO DO THIS!
SENPAI'S EXPLANATIONS ARE SO EASY TO UNDER-STAND... I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON HIM!


DON'T WORRY. I'M STUDY-ING MY OWN STUFF.
Flip
AND I DO SECOND YEAR LEVEL WORK AT PREP SCHOOL...
Meaning: Shut up!
ARE YOU ABLE TO FOLLOW WHAT WE'RE DOING?
YOU'RE IN FIRST YEAR, AREN'T YOU?
Meaning: Go home!

HEY, HE'S RIGHT, NANA. IT'S WRONG.
PFFT!
AND BY THE WAY, YOU HAVE THE ANSWER TO QUESTION NUMBER TWO WRONG... ARE YOU GONNA MAKE IT?
Meaning: You're an idiot!

URK! IGARASHI! DON'T LAUGH, MAN!
AHAHA. True!
キャー SHRIEK
ALTHOUGH I CAN'T POSSIBLY IMAGINE WHY YOU'D GET THE ANSWER WRONG ON PURPOSE.
OH? YOU DO? OKAY, THEN...
SH... SHADDUP! I KNOW IT'S WRONG!
キャー SHRIEK

OKAY, LET'S STUDY AT A FAMILY REST-AURANT THEN.
AW CRAP.
TH... THEY THREW US OUT...

YOU'RE TOO LOUD!! GET OUT!!
Library
TOSS

THUNK

SORRY...
UH...
THAT IS TO SAY: YOU'RE TOO LOUD, SO GET OUT OF HERE!
WE'D LIKE OUR CUSTOMERS TO KNOW THAT STAYING FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME FOR SUCH THINGS AS STUDYING IS NOT PERMITTED AT OUR ESTAB-LISHMENT.

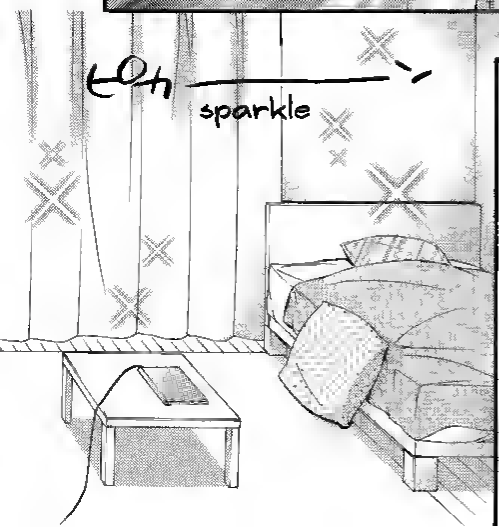
tmp
WE CAN'T GO TO THE LIBRARY ...
WE CAN'T GO TO A REST-AURANT ...
THERE ISN'T ANYWHERE ELSE WE CAN STAY TOGETHER, IS THERE?
boo
boo
NO...
THANKS TO YOU TWO...
IN THAT CASE...
tmp
HOW 'BOUT...
SMILE
SERI-NUMA-SAN'S PLACE?
WHAT?
?!

MY PLACE ...?!
SINCE I WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED FOR HELP WITH MY STUDIES ...
I DON'T HAVE ANY ISSUE OFFERING UP MY PLACE.
LIGHT
creak
THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM.
gulp

とDOOOOM
WHAT DO I DO ABOUT THIS SEA OF DECAY?!
SHOOT ...
THIS IS REEEALLY BAD...
*BL = Boys' Love
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
THE BL ...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
You're looking cute today too, Shion!
THE BAD STUFF IS...
THEY ALREADY SAW THIS, SO I'LL LEAVE IT ALONE...

でやあ
AAAAHHH!
GOTTA QUICKLY STOW AWAY ALL MY TREA-SURES!!
IT'S FOR TIMES LIKE THESE THAT CLOSETS EXIST!!
BUT
シオン愛
Shion Stuff
THUD

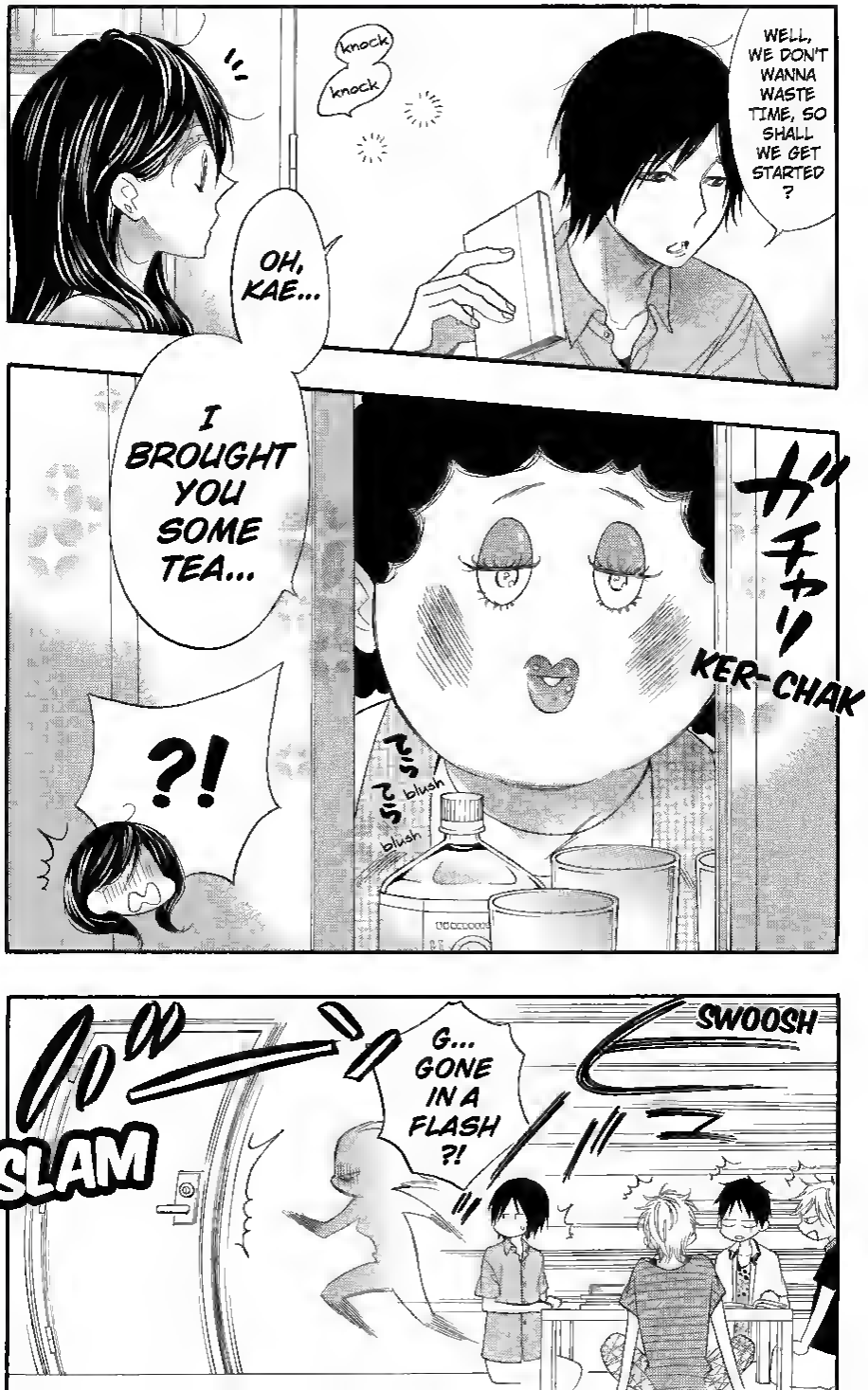
SLAM!!
AAAND SEAL 'EM UP!!


sparkle

WHIRRR
NOW TO VACUUM THE FLOOR...
Hey! The sock I thought I lost ended up being under the bed
ヴゴゴゴ
WHRRRR

I'M SORRY, MY DEAR TREASURES...
rub
rub
BE NICE AND QUIET IN THERE UNTIL TOMORROW...
BUT I SHOULD BE FINE NOW!
ding dong
BRING IT ON!!
BOOM
EXCUSE US.

HEY!!
WHOOSH
ぱっ
WEL-COME ...
OH DEARIE ME...
Ahh
Bleach
COME ON IN!!
glance
ちら
NO NO...
I JUST DID A ROUGH CLEAN-UP, SO DON'T LOOK AROUND TOO MUCH...
ESPECIALLY OVER THERE.....
?
SORRY FOR THE LACK OF SPACE.
YOUR ROOM'S VERY CLEAN.
NOT AT ALL.

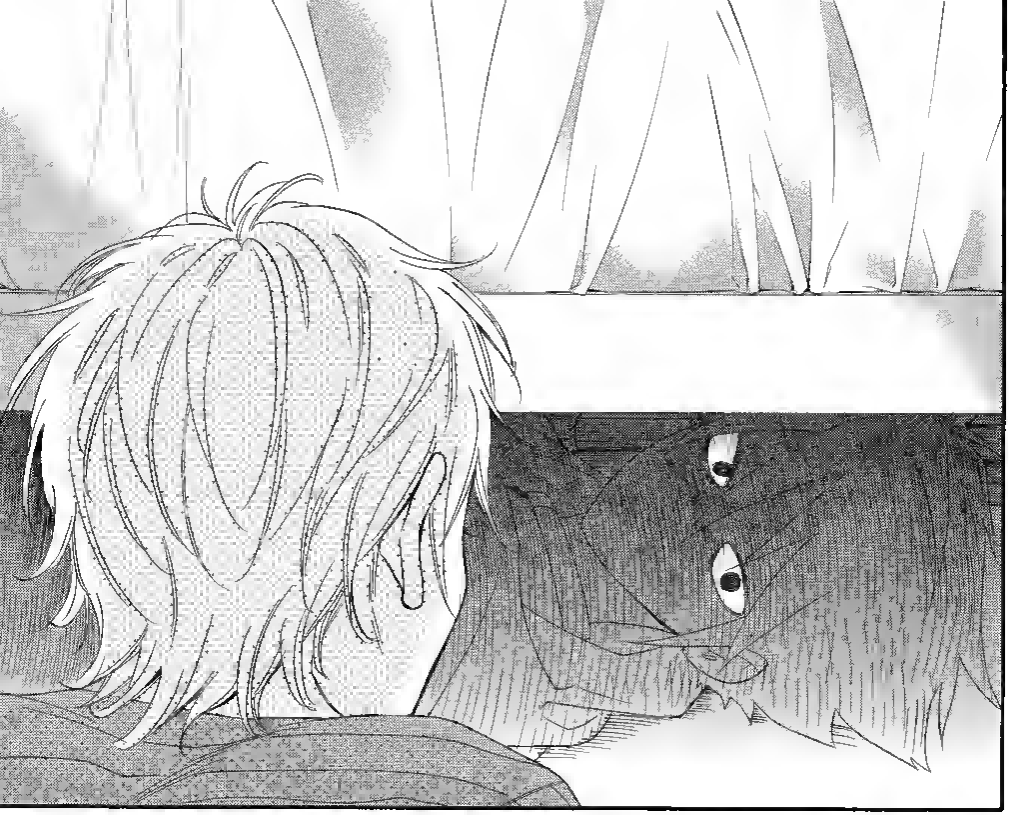

WELL, WE DON'T WANNA WASTE TIME, SO SHALL WE GET STARTED ?
knock knock
OH, KAE...
I BROUGHT YOU SOME TEA...
?!
ガチャリ
KER-CHAK
てら てら blush blush
SWOOSH
G... GONE IN A FLASH ?!
SLAM

WELL...
WE HAVE HANDSOME BOYS OVER, SO I TRIED SPRUCING UP MY APPEARANCE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE...
HEHE!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO YOUR FACE?!
OH MY, IT'S JUST GOOD MANNERS, DEAR.
MANNERS? MORE LIKE HORRORS! AND YOU'RE TRYING TOO HARD!
Life-sized poster
YOU KNOW ...
THIS LOOKS LIKE SERINUMA-SENPAI'S KINDA ROOM, HUH?
I FINALLY GET TO COME TO HER ROOM, AND YOU GUYS HAVE TO BE HERE WHEN IT HAPPENS?
7" boo
7" boo
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU'RE CAN'T EVEN TEACH HER HOW TO STUDY!
SHADDUP.

flip
gasp
WHAT PART?
UMM... I DON'T UNDER-STAND THIS PART...
Q-QUEST-ION THREE ...
UH ...
HM?
WE'RE... REALLY CLOSE ...
badump
badump
badump
HEY,
UH...
AH...

THEORETICALLY, ISN'T THAT WHAT A ROOM DATE IS?
Yuck.
YOU'D FAIL RIGHT AT THE PART WHERE YOU TEACH HER, SINCE YOU'RE AN IDIOT.
SHUT YOUR TRAP, FIRST-YEAR.
hmph!
chatter
ALTHOUGH THERE'D ONLY BE PHOTOS OF THE OLD SERINUMA-SENPAI.
RIGHT? LOOKING AT THE YEARBOOK TOGETHER AND STUFF...
chatter
HEH, A GIRL'S ROOM IS SOMETHING TO GET A LITTLE EXCITED ABOUT, ISN'T IT?
WELL ...
chatter
rustle
slide
OR PULLING THE BLANKET OFF LIKE THIS...
DON'T ACT LIKE YOU DON'T WANNA SEE!
HOW VULGAR!!

BOOM
WHOA!
YIKES!
rattle
W-WHOA!!
FLINCH
OKAY! I'LL PICK IT UP!
Annoying kid
よっと
grunt
THAT SCARED THE CRAP OUT OF ME...
ドキドキ
badump badump
HEY... MY PEN ROLLED UNDER THE BED...
CRAZY! THOSE EXIST?!
Bed sheets?



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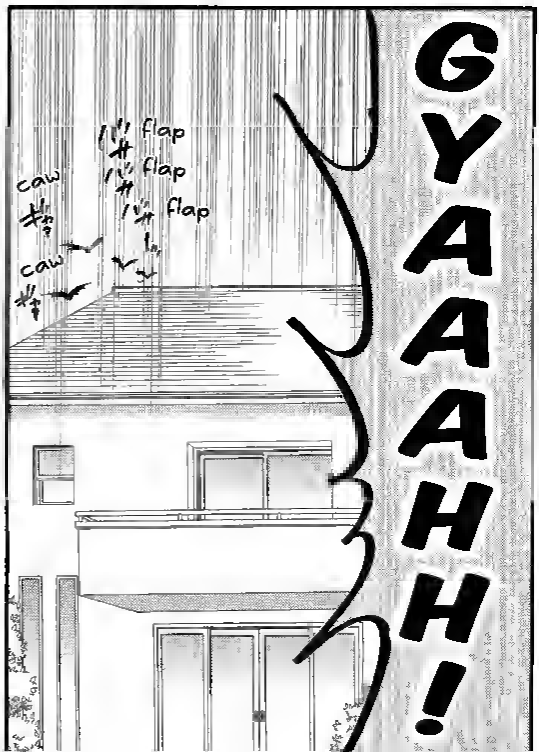
BANG
WHAT'S WRONG ?!
bubble bubble


GYAAAHH!
flap
flap
flap
caw
caw

I HAD THE STORE GIVE ITS DISPLAY TO ME.
I begged an acquaintance of mine
Mirage Saga
BD/DVD ON SALE
YEAH, NEXT TO THIS...
Life-size
I USUALLY PUT IT UP FOR DECORATION, BUT I DECIDED TO PUT IT AWAY FOR TODAY...
There was only room under the bed
YOU PUT IT UP FOR DECORATION, HUH...
Heh
OPEN
AN ALTAR ...?!
A...

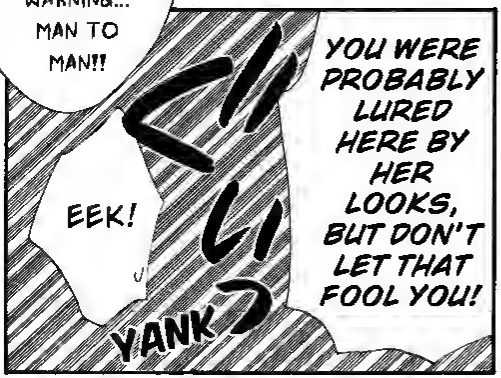
DOESN'T HE KINDA LOOK LIKE NANA?
SHUT UP! I'M NOT DEAD!
whisper
Shion
silent
whisper
I DON'T KNOW!! BUT THAT'S THE SAME CHARACTER AS THE CHARM WE GOT.
UHH... WHAT IS THIS?
whisper
CAN WE JOIN HANDS IN REMEMBRANCE ?!
YES, PLEASE ...
OKAY, EVERYONE...
?!
gasp
はっ
YES ...
DID THIS PERSON... PASS AWAY?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
ちーん
SILENCE
Isn't this great, Shion?
.....

THANKS, MOM!
ENJOY!
hehehe
hmm?
THANK YOU!
knock knock
ガチャ
kar-chak
KAE... I BROUGHT SNACKS...
OHOHO!
ニコニコ
smile
shut
パタン
pa-n
I'M HOME.
ガチャ
kar-chak
トコトコ
tmp tmp
SUCH NICE BOYS! LOOKS LIKE SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE'S DOING!
THE SPITTING IMAGE OF ME WHEN I WAS YOUNG!
HEHEHE

BOYS. ♥ FOUR OF THEM. ♥
?!
SHUT
OH, YOU'RE HOME, TAKURO!
KAE HAS GUESTS IN HER ROOM RIGHT NOW.
MM-HMM.
HUH.
WELL THEN, SHALL WE GET STARTED?
rustle
YUP!
rustle
数学Ⅱ Math
OKAY! LET'S DO IT!
きり
serious
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD

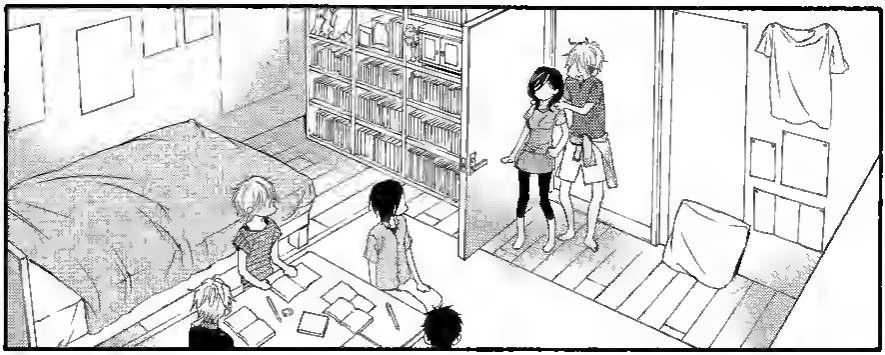
T...
TA-KU-RO ?!

YOU PUNKS ...
YEAH, YOU GUYS! YOU FOUR OVER THERE!
LET ME, HER OLDER BROTHER TAKURO, GIVE YOU GUYS A WARNING... MAN TO MAN!!


YOU WERE PROBABLY LURED HERE BY HER LOOKS, BUT DON'T LET THAT FOOL YOU!
EEK!
YANK

BOOM!
DON'T BE FOOLED !!

THIS GIRL ...
IS A SERI-OUSLY CRAZY OTAKU !!



?!
WE EVEN GAVE OUR CONDOLENCES TO SHION-SAN EARLIER...
IT'S OKAY.
Just look at her room
UH... WE KNOW.

YANK
UGH!! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, TAKURO?!
NOT EVERY-ONE IS NARROW-MINDED LIKE YOU!!
YOU'RE INTER-RUPTING OUR STUDIES! GET OUT!
NARROW-MINDED
NARROW-MINDED
NARROW-MINDED
STEP
CAN YOU STILL SAY THAT ...
AFTER SEEING THIS?!
GRAB
ACK!
Dammit!

BA-THUMP
THIS ...
fwip
S-STOP IT... YOU IDIOT!!
OH... IT'S BL.
LOOK! THE ONE WHO LIKES GAY STUFF IS YOU, OTAKU!!
These are pretty hardcore...
SO WHAT?! THERE ISN'T A GIRL OUT THERE WHO HATES GAYS!
Idiot!

JOLT
WHA ...?!
BANG
SERI-NUMA'S BRO-THER...
TUG
HEY-
C'MON NOW.
WAI-
TUG
EXCUSE US...
TUG
SORRY, BUT WE'RE STUDY-ING HERE ...
SO IF YOU COULD PLE-ASE ...
SMILE

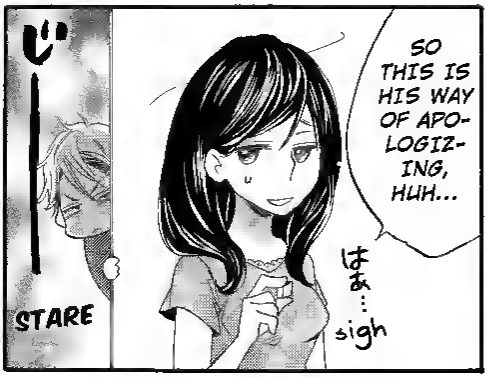
TH...
THANK YOU...
SIGH ...
バタン!!
SLAM!!
CONFUSED
FIRST, WE'LL TIDY UP THESE BOOKS.
UH, O-OKAY!
OKAY, EVERY-ONE!
WAIT.
ぺち touch
ばっ THUD
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
UH, NO! IT'S OKAY! I'LL DO IT MY-SELF!!

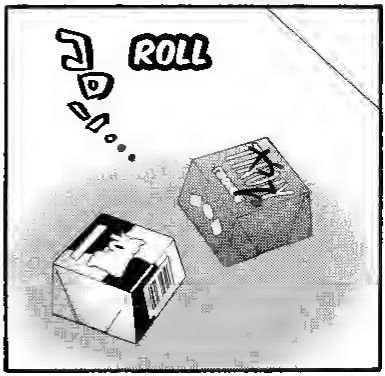
DON'T HANDLE THEM ROUGHLY.
THEY'RE IMPORTANT TO YOU, AREN'T THEY?
YES...

THANKS FOR HAVING US OVER.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TODAY, MUTSUMI-SENPAI.
IT WAS NOTH-ING.
TELL YOUR BROTHER I'M SORRY, WILL YOU? I ACTED RUDELY BACK THERE.
N-NOT AT ALL!!
OH YEAH ...
LET ME GIVE YOU THIS.
HUH? A PENCIL?
FOR THE TEST.
IF YOU FIND YOURSELF AT A LOSS, THIS WILL HELP YOU DECIDE.
ABILITY IS ALSO PART LUCK, Y'KNOW!

THANK YOU!
AHAHA!
OH, YOU GUYS TOO ...
A WRITING UTENSIL ...?
Hmph!
S... SEN-PAI ...
きゅん。
BADUMP
Good luck, you guys!
HERE!
YOU'LL NEED THEM TO ASK GOD FOR LUCK TOO!

Sigh
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN SO NERVOUS IN A GIRL'S ROOM...
IN A DIFF-ERENT SENSE.
DAMN, THAT WAS FUN!
Whaaa?
YOU'RE QUITE BIG-HEARTED YOUR-SELF...





Then...
YAY!
I DID IT!!
I PASSED! SUMMER BREAK, HERE I COME!!
CONGRATULATIONS!!
NO! THE TWO OF US!!
WANNA TAKE A TOUR OF A CASTLE ...?
LET'S GO CAMPING !!
LET'S GO TO THE POOL... JUST THE TWO OF US!
OF COURSE, THE OTAKU EVENTS TOOK PRIORITY!
Eeek! Prince-sama!